

In the Specification

Please replace the title on page 1 with the following rewritten title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NOTATING POLYMERS
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING SEQUENCES OF CHEMICAL UNITS

Applicant is also submitting a new abstract which serves to replace the current abstract. The new abstract is provided below and is marked up with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

A data structure, tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium, representing a polymer of chemical units is disclosed. The data structure includes an identifier including a plurality of fields for storing values corresponding to properties of the polymer. ~~In one embodiment, the fields are capable of storing binary values.~~ The polymer may, for example, be a polysaccharide and the chemical units may be saccharides. Also disclosed is a computer-implemented method for determining whether properties of a query sequence of chemical units match properties of a polymer of chemical units. The query sequence is represented by a first data structure, ~~and tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium, including an identifier including a plurality of bit fields for storing values corresponding to properties of the query sequence.~~ The polymer is represented by a second data structure, each are tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium, including an identifier including a plurality of bit fields for storing values corresponding to properties of the query sequence and polymer, respectively. ~~The method includes steps of generating at least one mask based on the values stored in the bit fields of the first data structure; performing at least one binary operation on the values stored in the bit fields of the second data structure using the at least one mask to generate at least one result; and determining whether the properties of the query sequence match the properties of the polymer based on the at least one result.~~ The invention also involves a notational system referred to as Property Encoded Nomenclature.